

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF DAKOTA COUNTY

FIRST VIEWED BY WHITE MEN IN 1680, THE PRESENT SITE OF MENDOTA WAS LATER CHOSEN FOR SETTLEMENT BY JEAN BAPTISTE FARIBAUT, THE FIRST PERMANENT WHITE SETTLER IN THE WHOLE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

IN 1803 THE VAST LOUISIANA PURCHASE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES FROM FRANCE. ZEBULON PIKE WAS SENT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE THE NEW TERRITORY OF THE NORTHWEST. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE NEGOTIATED LAND FROM THE INDIANS TO CONSTRUCT A MILITARY FORT. FORT SNELLING WAS COMPLETED AND TOGETHER WITH MENDOTA, ACROSS THE RIVER, BECAME THE CENTER AROUND WHICH SETTLEMENT WAS TO BEGIN.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST STEAMBOAT IN 1823 MARKED A NEW ERA IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY.

DAKOTA BECAME ONE OF THE NINE ORIGINAL COUNTIES OF MINNESOTA IN 1849 ALTHOUGH ITS PRESENT BOUNDARIES WERE NOT FIXED UNTIL 1871.

FOLLOWING A TREATY WITH THE SIOUX IN 1853, SETTLERS FLOWED INTO THE SOUTH-EASTERN MINNESOTA TERRITORY. DAKOTA COUNTY RECEIVED MANY OF THESE PIONEERS AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES BEGAN TO EMERGE.

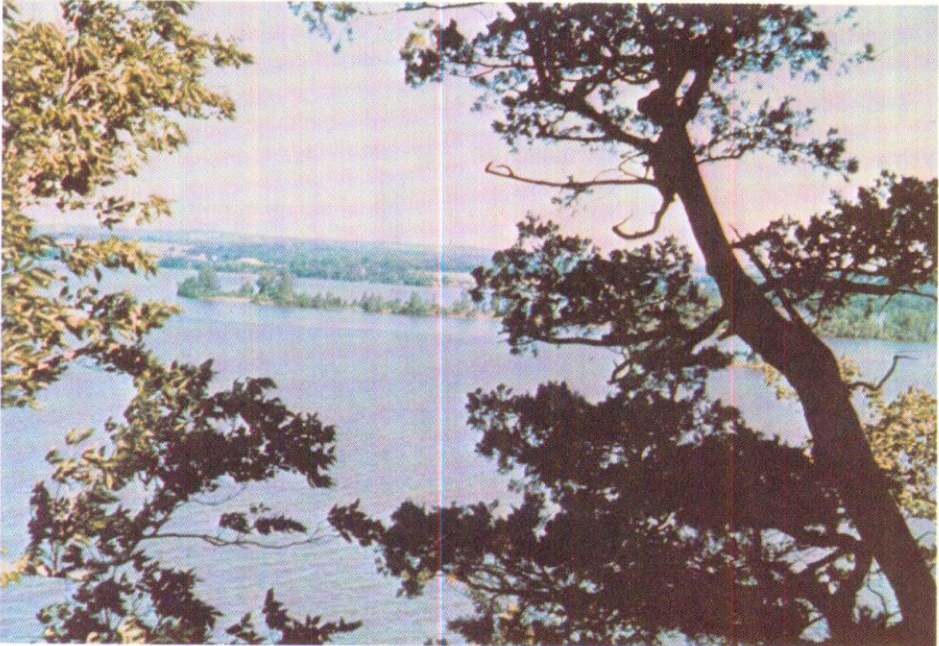
IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, DAKOTA COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED TREMENDOUS COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN THE NORTH YET THE SOUTHERN PORTION HAS REMAINED PREDOMINATELY RURAL. FORTUNATELY, IN THIS TIME PERIOD, THE COMMUNITIES CAUGHT UP IN THE WHIRLWIND OF DEVELOPMENT SAW THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE AMENITIES THAT HAD PRECIPITATED THEIR GROWTH. A FINE NETWORK OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE WAS THE RESULT OF THEIR FORESIGHT. IN 1968, DAKOTA COUNTY INITIATED AN EXTENSIVE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM. THE MOST NOTABLE BEING THE ACQUISITION OF 460 ACRES IN APPLE VALLEY WHICH WERE DEEDED TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STATE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN SCHEDULED FOR OPENING IN 1977.



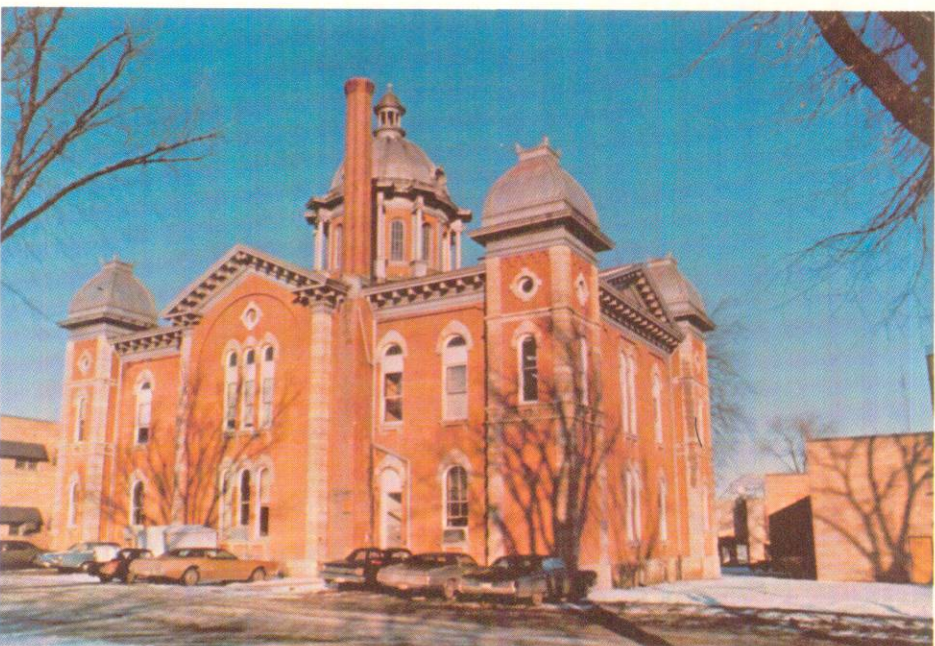
DAKOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

DAKOTA COUNTY 1974 POPULATION ESTIMATES

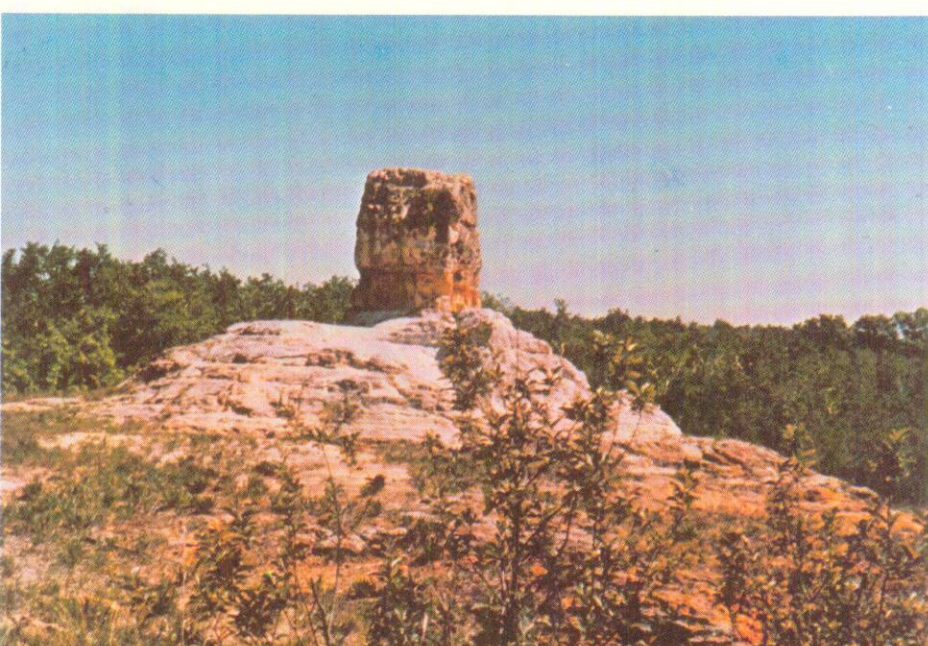
CITIES				CITIES			
APPLE VALLEY	13,851	C-2		VERMILION	392	D-4	
BURNSVILLE	30,466	C-2		WEST ST. PAUL	20,599	A-3	
COATES	220	D-4		TOWNSHIPS			
EAGAN	16,014	B-2		CASTLE ROCK	1,343	E-3	
FARMINGTON	4,093	D-3		DOUGLAS	622	E-5	
HAMPTON	380	E-4		EMPIRE	1,215	D-3	
HASTINGS	13,304	C-5		EUREKA	1,080	E-2	
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	15,619	B-3		GREENVALE	707	F-2	
LAKEVILLE	10,997	D-2		HAMPTON	735	E-4	
LILYDALE	426	A-3		MARSHAN	1,540	D-5	
MENDOTA	260	A-2		NININGER	687	C-4	
MENDOTA HEIGHTS	7,243	A-3		RANDOLPH	310	F-4	
MESVILLE	190	E-5		RAVENNA	1,055	D-6	
NEW TRIER	146	E-4		SCIOTA	241	F-3	
RANDOLPH	386	F-4		VERMILION	913	D-4	
ROSEMOUNT	4,706	C-3		WATERFORD	582	F-3	
SOUTH ST. PAUL	24,535	A-3					
SUNFISH LAKE	303	A-3					



VIEW FROM SPRING LAKE PARK TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER



OLD DAKOTA COUNTY COURT HOUSE



CASTLE ROCK



COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 91 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE



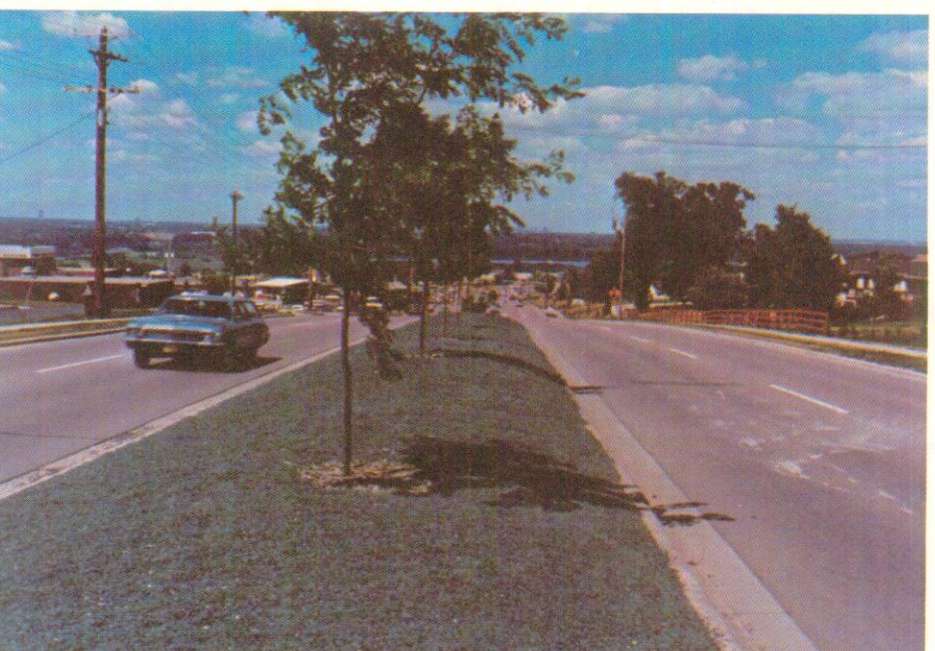
COUNTY ROAD 18 — UPPER 55TH STREET



COUNTY ROAD 4 — BUTLER AVENUE



COUNTY ROTARY SNOW THROWER



COUNTY ROAD 7 — NICOLLET AVENUE



PINE BEND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

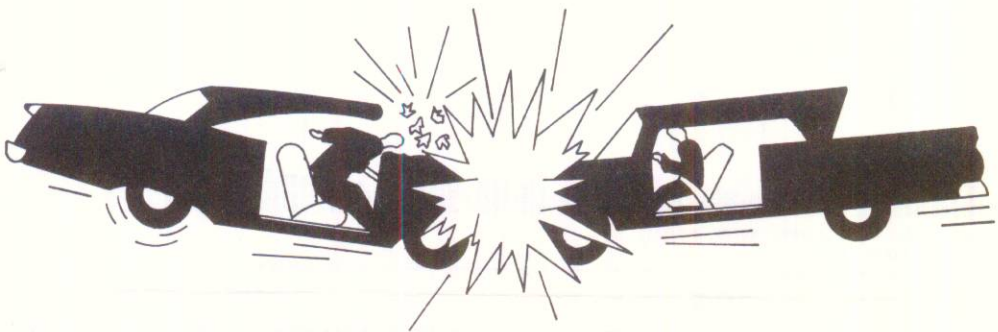
MOST ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY THE DRIVER

FOUR COMMON ACCIDENT CAUSES ARE:

1. THE DRIVER DIDN'T THINK
2. HE DIDN'T LOOK
3. HE DIDN'T KNOW
4. HE DIDN'T CARE

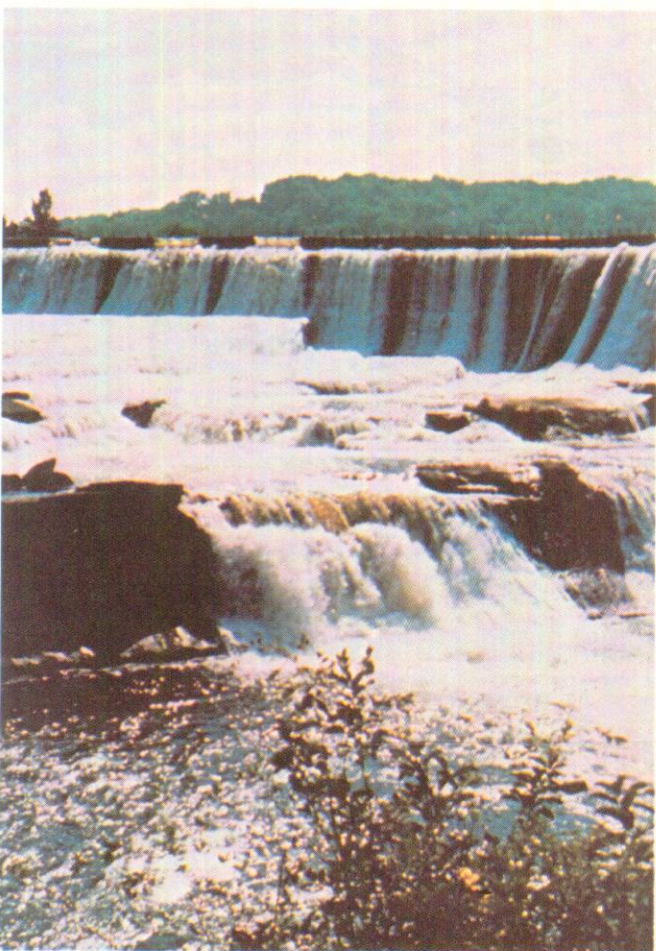
TO KEEP OUT OF ACCIDENTS AVOID DISTRACTION, HIGH SPEED, TAKING CHANCES, DRIVING AFTER DRINKING AND FATIGUE. WATCH OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS. BE CAREFUL AFTER DARK.

SAFETY BELTS SAVE LIVES



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

1. KEEP YOUR CAR IN GOOD DRIVING CONDITION. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO YOUR TIRES. WORN TIRES ARE MUCH MORE HAZARDOUS ON WET OR ICY ROADS THAN ON DRY PAVEMENT.
2. LET YOUR COLD ENGINE WARM UP BEFORE DRIVING. IF YOUR WINDOWS ARE FROSTED, CLEAR THEM.
3. ON SNOW OR ICE, CHANGE SPEED OR DIRECTION GRADUALLY. EASE UP TO A STOP OR AROUND A CORNER. IF YOUR WHEELS SPIN, "ROCK THE CAR" KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING SLOWLY.
4. FOR WINTER EMERGENCIES KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR CAR AT ALL TIMES; ICE SCRAPER, SHOVEL, TIRE CHAINS, WARM CLOTHES.
5. KEEP YOUR GAS TANK FULL. THIS GIVES YOU EXTRA TRACTION IF YOU BECOME STUCK, IT ALSO PREVENTS CONDENSATION MOISTURE FROM FORMING AND FREEZING IN YOUR GAS LINE.
6. FLASHING AMBER OR BLUE LIGHTS IDENTIFY SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT. THESE TRUCKS RESTRICT VISIBILITY OF OTHER TRAFFIC. REMEMBER, AFTER YOU PASS A SNOW PLOW, THE ROAD AHEAD MAY NOT BE SANDED OR PLOWED.



CANNON RIVER WATER FALL AT LAKE BYLLESBY

HIGHWAY EMERGENCY

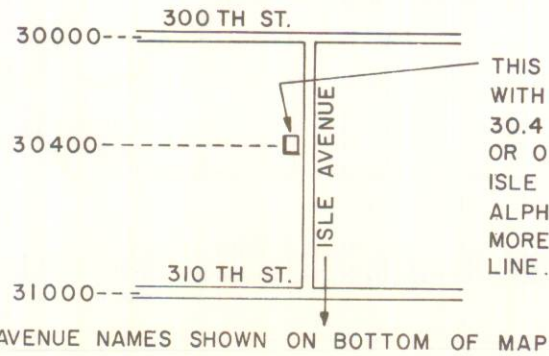
DIAL O CALL ZENITH 7000 MINNESOTA HIGHWAY PATROL. NUMBER MAY BE CALLED WITHOUT TOLL FROM ANYWHERE IN MINNESOTA, FOR EMERGENCY ONLY.

TELEPHONE 612-296-3076 MINNESOTA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY FROM OCTOBER TO MAY.

HOW TO FIND ADDRESS OF HOUSE

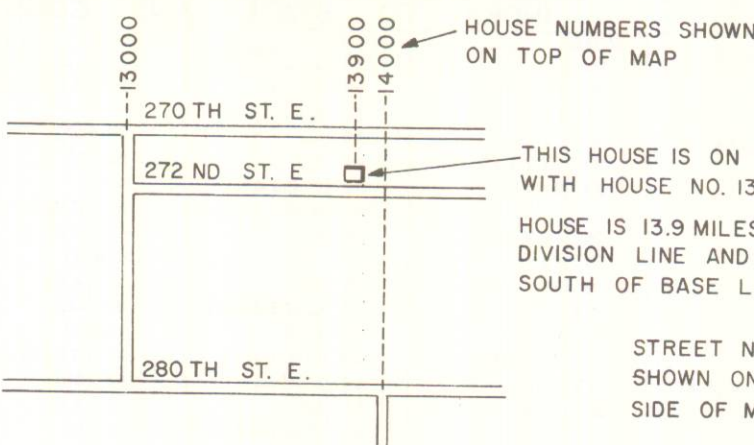
A) HOUSE LOCATED ON NORTH & SOUTH STREETS
EXAMPLE: ADDRESS OF - 30400 ISLE AVENUE

HOUSE NUMBERS
SHOWN ON LEFT
SIDE OF MAP



THIS HOUSE IS ON ISLE AVENUE WITH HOUSE NO. 30400. IT IS 30.4 MILES SOUTH OF BASE LINE OR 0.4 MILE SOUTH OF 300TH ST. ISLE IS 9TH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET; THEREFORE, HOUSE IS MORE THAN 8 MILES FROM DIVISION LINE.

B) HOUSE LOCATED ON EAST & WEST STREETS
EXAMPLE: ADDRESS OF - 13900 - 272 ND ST. E.



THIS HOUSE IS ON 272 ND ST. E. WITH HOUSE NO. 13900
HOUSE IS 13.9 MILES EAST OF DIVISION LINE AND 27.2 MILES SOUTH OF BASE LINE.

STREET NUMBERS
SHOWN ON RIGHT
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